Modernisation of Durgapur and Bokaro Steel Plants

642. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first phase of the modernisation of Durgapur and Bokaro steel plants has been completed;

(b) if so, the amount spent on the modernisation of the first phase of the above steel plants;

(c) the target fixed for the modernisation of the second phase of the steel plants; and

(d) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The Renovation and Technological Upgradation (Modernisation) programme of Durgapur Steel Plant (not being executed in phases) is likely to be completed by March, 1996. The Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) (Stage-I) modernisation is likely to be completed by July, 1997.

The total cumulative expenditure till October, 1995 on DSP modernisation is Rs. 4034.79 crores and on BSL (Stage-I) modernisation is Rs. 362.50 crores.

SAIL proposes to take up Stage-II modernisation Programme of BSL after completion/stabilisation of Stage-I.

Maintenance of Monuments at Goa

643. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Press reports that Archaeological Survey of India at Old Goa are poorly maintaining the ancient monuments;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that cow dung and night soil meant for horticulture are being dumped close to the place of worship of a particular community;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to direct the local ASI units to work in a disciplined manner; and

(d) whether Government will see that a Visiting Committee of prominent persons of Goa is appointed to advise on the maintenance of the surroundings and old monuments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The allegations made in the press are not correct as the ASI is paying adequate attention towards proper maintenance & conservation of the protected monuments in Old Goa, with the resources available.

(b) No, Sir. The ASI is not using cow dung and night soil as manure for horticultural operations in Old Goa.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Extension of Reservation Benefits to Dalit Christians and other minorities

644. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend reservation benefits to Dalit Christians and Dalits belonging to other minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) to (c) Reservation benefits are extended to those sections of the minority communities and Dalit Christians who have been included in the Central list of OBCs for the purpose of providing reservation in direct recruitment in Civil posts and services under the Government of India.